

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:UR, US, EAIR, PINS,

SUBJECT:TASS QUOTE OF DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN

REF: MOSCOW 05659

1. FOR INFORMATION OF EMBASSY ONLY, DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WAS MISQUOTED BY TASS AS REPORTED IN PARA ONE OF REFTTEL, AND PRESS CONFERENCE REFERRED TO BY TASS WAS THAT OF MARCH 21, NOT MARCH 22.
2. SPOKESMAN DID NOT REPEAT NOT SAY THAT "THE CONCERN OF THE USA TOWARD INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM DOES NOT ENCOMPASS THE CASE OF THE BRAZINSKAS".
3. ACTUAL VERBATIM OF THAT PORTION OF BRIEFING WAS AS FOLLOWS:

"Q. DOES THAT MEAN YOUR CONCERN FOR TERRORISM DOES NOT APPLY TO SOVIET TERRORISTS (CLEARLY REFERRING TO BRAZINSKAS  
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CASE WHICH TASS CORRESPONDENT HAD JUST BEEN DESCRIBING IN PREVIOUS QUESTION)?

A. NO, IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT. WE CONSIDER THAT CASE A SERIOUS, NONPOLITICAL CRIME."

4. IN THE ENTIRE EXCHANGE, SPOKESMAN NEVER REFERRED TO

TERRORISM, OR CONCERN OF U.S. ABOUT TERRORISM. EXCEPT  
AS NOTED ABOVE, HIS RESPONSES WERE CONFINED TO REMINDING  
QUESTIONER THAT THE MATTER HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN PREVIOUS  
BRIEFINGS AND TO REFERRING HIM TO THE RECORD. COOPER

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